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That Topeka has never seen so large a number of single, double, triplicate and combination book cases as our stock now includes. People from all parts of the state are keenly appreciative of this large stock as our almost daily shipments attest a chance to select pleasing designs from two and three score patterns is not afforded patrons of some of the largest firms in this country. Yet this is your large privilege.

Prices in solid, polished oak from \$5 to \$50 each.

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Or Ladies' Desks should be a prized object in every orderly house. A place for your valued papers and your receipts and papers in that place might save you from paying the same bill twice. There is some satisfaction in being able to place your hand on a paper when it is wanted. For this and many other reasons, but principally because we are making some very special low priced on them you should now buy a home desk.

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## AS BAD AS COULD BE.

Charles M. Sheldon Makes the  
Rounds of the Clubs,

AND TELLS A BIG CONGREGATION

What He Saw in Some of Them—  
Liquor Flowing Freely—Practical  
Saloons in Operation.

The pulpit of the Central Congregational church Sunday morning looked like the police headquarters after a raid on a club. The pastor, Rev. Charles M. Sheldon had "been slumming" last week. He in company with a police officer went into nearly all the liquor joints in town from Fifth street north, and incidentally tested most of the drug stores on the way. Rev. Mr. Sheldon did this to familiarize himself with the workings of the liquor law in Topeka; for as he said, "We cannot fight a rumor, or make charges on hearsay." The result of Mr. Sheldon's original investigations was that he took home to the parsonage that night twelve bottles of beer of different brands, and about four quarts of red stuff that is sold as whisky, but which would nearly burn out the pipes in the boiler of a locomotive. These Mr. Sheldon had on the pulpit Sunday morning when he shared with his congregation the knowledge he had acquired on Smoky Low and other places. When Mr. Sheldon described the illegal workings of a drug store or joint, he would hold up a bottle to verify his statements, with the remark: "And here it is!"

The result of Mr. Sheldon's Parkhurstian methods of fighting the devil with fire was that a committee was appointed with instructions to begin a crusade, the object of which is to secure a better enforcement of the liquor law, after which their attention will be turned towards closing the gambling joints and disorderly houses.

Mr. Sheldon took for his text Psalms 127: "Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." He began by saying that the problem of the government of the great cities of America was becoming a very serious one. He thought the great cities of Europe were better governed than those of America, but he cited Tammany's theft through the police of New York of \$15,000,000 in support of his argument. He said that partisanship should be eliminated from city government, and the greatest need was that of patriotic citizenship. If he had time he would write a book on "good citizenship and how to get it."

Arriving at the subject of condition of affairs in Topeka, Mr. Sheldon continued: "I believe the time has come when facts concerning the exact condition of the drinking places of the city ought to be made known to every citizen so that we may realize just what form the drink habit has assumed at present. There has for a long time been so much rumor and statement that was hard to verify that with great reluctance I determined some weeks ago to make a personal acquaintance with the facts. I do not feel that it is necessary to apologize to anyone for the course I have pursued, or go into details concerning all the methods used to obtain the knowledge I now wish to share with you. And some of these facts are as follows. I give only a partial list of such drinking places as I myself visited. There is no necessity for giving an account of all of them, for they are all more or less alike."

"On the northeast corner of Fifth and streets there is a place where the doors stand open to the members. "On entering one finds three or four rooms on the ground floor, with the plainest furniture, simply hard chairs and round tables. On some of the tables and in one of the window seats were a few daily newspapers. Four or five men were drinking beer. There was no sign of beer kegs or bar of any kind. No liquor is sold, according to the steward. The membership of this club is about 150 according to the proprietor's statement. There is no pretense of anything like club house luxury, unless sitting on a common kitchen chair and drinking beer around a plain pine table is club house luxury."

"On Kansas avenue between Third and Fourth streets, on the east side up stairs is another place called a club. It consists of three rooms furnished with tables and chairs and beer. In the middle room is a shelf which is arranged like a counter or stand between two rooms, on which a large number of beer glasses were arranged. There were kegs of beer on the floor in this room and several more in an ice chest near by. Only one or two members of this club were present. The proprietor said there were over 100 members. He offered to treat to cigars or beer. Said he had none to sell. This place is absolutely devoid of all attractions. The rooms are perfectly bare of everything except the chairs, tables and beer."

"Between Third and Second streets, on the east side the avenue, up stairs, is a larger establishment. At the head of the stairs is a wicket door of slats. After entering, one sees a long hall, separated from six different rooms by a high board partition. In one of these rooms is a very large modern refrigerator. There were perhaps a dozen men present, all drinking beer. Here the proprietor or steward also offered to give a drink. There were no newspapers or books or anything else of a social nature except chairs and tables and unlimited beer. The membership of this club is over 100."

"Between the river and First street, on the avenue, on the ground floor, in a room nearly 60 feet long, at the rear end is a club just started. It was started last Tuesday night. The only furniture in the room consisted of one table, two or three chairs, a high counter, behind which was a tray with a number of glasses, and near by against the wall, and in a box half a dozen bottles of beer. One smoky oil lamp lighted up the club. The young man in charge showed a book containing 61 names of those who were going to be members of this new club when it was first started. In answer to questions he said the membership was 50 cents for six beers, good for 24 hours. He claimed the club was only just started, in fact they had not fully organized and had been having their first meeting. They were going to put a partition across the room, he said. There was absolutely nothing in the room but the one table, the two or three chairs, the high counter, the kegs of beer, and the smoking lamp. There had evidently been a good deal of beer drunk during the evening before I appeared. The entrance was at the alley at the rear."

"Between First and Second streets, on the east side of the avenue, upstairs, is

another new club just started four nights ago. I was present at the opening. That is, the steward showed me the apartments which had evidently recently been used for an extensive drink. There were three rooms, horribly drenched with the fumes of beer, a few chairs, one or two tables, and in the middle room, a refrigerator. Beer glasses were standing around. The proprietor had a type-written constitution of the club, which he read aloud. Among other articles of the constitution was one making the price of membership \$1 to join, and 50 cents a month for dues. Another article stated that under no circumstances would whisky be allowed on the premises. The objects of this club were stated to be the social benefits to be derived by companionship, and assistance of those members who might be disabled by sickness or misfortune, \$3 a week being stated as the sum allowed a member in such cases. There was no mention made in the constitution of beer drinking as the principal social feature, although great emphasis was laid upon the exclusion of whisky. The proprietor also made the statement that he expected to run a restaurant and sleeping rooms in connection with the other social features. I was asked to have a glass of beer, and in reply to a question about buying a glass, the answer was, that one might do so if he would become a member of the club in the regular manner. The proprietor volunteered the information that he had purchased the entire stock of beer on hand, himself, and given away all that had been drunk on the premises that evening. He also said that the constitution of the club was not fully determined on yet. This place was indescribably dreary and horrible.

"I do not need to say to the members of my church and the people of this city, that it is plainly evident we face a condition of affairs that is serious and demoralizing. Even if these places have been told to close up, what is to prevent new ones starting any time? Without describing any more, on the basis of what we know from these facts, let us look at the situation thoughtfully."

"These clubs are saloons and that is all there is to it, with the addition of the gambling that goes on in some of them. In some there is an attempt to keep up appearances with newspapers and billiards, but in many there is no sign of cards or games. It is the plain intent of these clubs to evade the prohibitory law on a technicality. It is absurd to think that these places, empty of everything except bare floors, tables, chairs, glasses and beer, are intended for anything except the drinking of liquor on the premises."

"Any young man in town can get all the beer he wants by joining one of these clubs. But they claim to abide by the technicality which the court sustained in its decision in the Topeka club case. "It is exceedingly discouraging that other clubs with features of a genuine social nature should keep liquor on their premises at all. It will be better for the sake of example if the club of such influence would forbid anything of the kind. There is but one fixed likeness and that is the determination to have their drinks, and have them technically. In speaking of the drug store features of the evil, Mr. Sheldon called attention to the fact that 5,180 sales were reported in May. He ridiculed the idea that 5,180 Topekanes needed spirits during the month for illness, or use in the fine arts. He continued: "Yesterday I went into two drug stores on Kansas avenue and saw a man in each store buy a pint of whisky and walk out, without signing his name to anything, or being asked any questions as to the use of the liquor. I am ready to swear to this statement with another citizen who was with me. I have the whisky ready to produce in evidence any time the county attorney wants it."

"I went with a friend to another store and said, 'I want some beer.' "How much?" "I'll take three bottles." "The clerk pushed forward the blank book and asked my friend to sign at the place indicated."

"Oh, I don't want to sign that," he said. "Well, it's a form, that's all." "Shall I sign my own name?" "Well, sign a name." "My friend signed his name and he got his beer. He was not ordered to swear to the statement."

"I went with a friend into another store on Kansas avenue and stood by him when he asked for beer, saying he wanted something to cool him off. The proprietor simply pointed to the blank form in his medical series and the man signed his name. He was an entire stranger in the store. No questions were asked, the blank book was not filled out at all, and the beer was sold on the spot, position that it was wanted for drinking purposes."

In conclusion the pastor dwelt on the subject of lax public sentiment and urged those interested in morality to work up some of the old-time enthusiasm. He said, "There is no question that the present calls for action. Lives are being ruined every night. Young men from the best homes in the city can be found in these resorts. All of us regardless of personal or political differences should unite in one thoughtful-minded and loving endeavor to make this city famous for its obedience to law and order and filled with the best of all things that crown human society; a home life delivered from the vice and degradation, which bring death and anguish to the soul that tastes its bitterness. And the extent of our ability is not to be measured by man's wisdom or power. For except the Lord keep the city the watchman waketh in vain."

The sermon was listened to by Police Commissioners A. B. Whiting and L. T. Yount, who congratulated the pastor after the service.

The committee having in charge the details of the new proposed temperance crusade is composed of Judge F. G. Adams, Dr. T. W. Peers and Prof. Cowgill, of the Kansas Farmer.

The people quickly recognize merit, and this is the reason the sales of Hood's Sarsaparilla are continually increasing. Hood's is "on top."

**Pianos.**  
Fine pianos at hard times prices, as follows: \$200, \$250 and \$300 of different makes; also in stock fine fancy cases of the Hardman and the Knabe pianos at inside prices. Call and see them. E. B. Guild, 718 Kansas avenue.

**Stop the White Wagons.**  
When you want bakery goods, or leave orders with French Bakery, 815 Kans. av. American Steam Laundry, 112 West 7th street, tele. 841.



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SPECIAL PRICES THIS WEEK.

## Misses' and Children's Shoes.

Misses' Dongola Kid and Tan Goat Button, square toe, narrow, \$1.50  
Child's Dongola Kid and Tan Goat Button, square toe, sizes 8 to 10½, narrow \$1.25  
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MAIL ORDERS PROMPTLY FILLED.  
604 KANSAS AV.

## NORTH TOPEKA.

Items of Interest from the North Side of the River.

Clem Lyon came in and spent Sunday with his family.  
A. F. Sherman, of Rossville, spent yesterday in the city.

Charlie Berry and Joe Cromwell spent yesterday at Kilmer.

Will Luckhardt departed yesterday for Oregon, Mo., to be gone a few days.

Rev. A. Danielson has gone to Lincoln, Neb., to visit his son, who resides there. Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson have returned from a short visit in the country.

Children's day was appropriately celebrated at Rochester school house last evening.

The Methodists will begin a protracted revival effort at Rochester school house tonight.

Mrs. Anna Gibb is taking a week's vacation, and will visit her brothers in Kansas City and Abilene.

A full leather extension topsurey for \$100, at Lukens Bros., North Topeka.

Call at Garner & Lane's cash grocery, 84 North Kansas avenue. They meet all competition.

"Our New Delight" and all Dangler stoves at H. M. Climes.

Monarch gasoline stoves at Henry's. Go to Henry's for roofing and spouting.

For bargains in shingles see E. P. Ewart, Gordon and Kansas avenue.

Go to Will Griffith's for the best tin, galvanized iron and pump work.

No goods below cost, but we have a nice, clean, fresh stock of groceries and meats on which we can save you money, when quality is considered. Try our special brand of fresh country butter. J. H. Heller, 1002 North Kansas ave.

Miss Leora Morrow has returned from Meriden, where she has been the past week visiting friends.

George and Jason Hughes will assist the Baptist male choir at their entertainment, Wednesday evening.

Miss Eda Wilcox, who has been taking a course of music in St. Louis, is spending her vacation with her parents at the Union Pacific.

Wm. Green has returned from Monroe, Wisconsin, where he accompanied Mrs. Green, who was called there by the illness of her mother.

A team hitched to a bakery wagon created some excitement this morning by running away on the avenue. There was no serious damage.

Three boys, who had been discharged from the reform school, were brought in this morning and supplied with tickets for their homes. One goes to Emporia, one to Olathe and one to Fredonia.

**Stop the White Wagons.**  
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The STATE JOURNAL'S Want and Miscellaneous columns reach each working day in the week more than twice as many Topeka people as can be reached through any other paper. This is a fact.

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**Fine Work.**  
At Topeka Steam Laundry.

Small in size, great in results: De Witt's Little Early Risers. Best pill for Constipation, best for Sick Headache, best for Sour Stomach. J. K. Jones.

A satisfied customer is a permanent one. That's why we recommend De Witt's Little Early Risers. They cure constipation, indigestion and Bilioussness. J. K. Jones.

Read the "Wants." Many of them are as interesting as news items. See if it is not so.

**A Pleasant Wish.**  
Hardup—I wish this was the north pole, with nights six months long.

Chesup—Why?  
Hardup—So that I could tell my creditors to "call again tomorrow."—Hullo.

**Marriage In High Life.**  
Ethel—Was the wedding a very brilliant one?  
Gladys—Oh, very. They had to employ four detectives to watch the wedding presents.—Somerville Journal.

**The Hardest Part.**  
Minister's Wife—What made you preach such a long sermon this hot day? Why didn't you cut it down?  
Minister—I didn't have time.—New York Truth.

**A Precarious Condition.**  
"What do you think? Dick said that I was the prettiest girl at the reception." "Think? Why, that he can't consult an oculist any too quick."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

**Quite a Newsy Conversation.**  
Judge Guffey—What passed between yourself and the complainant?  
O'Brien—I think, sor, a half dozen bricks and a pavin stone.—Raymond's Monthly.

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## SECRET SOCIETIES.

ODD FELLOWS.

Grand Master H. L. Neale of Pennsylvania.

Triple Link Notes.

Bro. Harry L. Neale, the recently elected grand master of the grand lodge of Pennsylvania, is personally very popular and is the youngest man ever elected to the position. His activity in the order has brought him into prominence in the grand lodge organization, and he has held offices of trust and high honor from time to time. Since September, 1886, Bro. Neale has been chairman of the committee of the Odd Fellows' temple in Philadelphia.

The other officers are: Deputy grand master, Charles Chalfont; grand warden, Amos H. Hall; grand secretary, J. B. Nicholson; grand treasurer, M. Richards Muckle; representative to the sovereign grand lodge, Robert E. Wright.

There are 14,646 members of the order in Connecticut.

Palmer lodge of Palmer, Mass., has decided to build an Odd Fellows' hall and opera house.

Oregon grand lodge has levied a per capita tax of 25 cents to raise a fund with which to build an orphan's home.

Until Sept. 5, 1891, the duties of grand treasurer of the sovereign grand lodge had been performed by the grand sire.

The grand lodge of California fixed the per capita tax at 80 cents and levied a representative tax of 10 cents.

Who will care for you in sickness if you have no money, friends or ties of fraternal obligation?

Good degree teams make good lodges, but regular and prompt membership make better.

The per capita in Utah is 50 cents per term, or \$1 per year.

The widow of the Hon. Schuyler Colfax, although somewhat unfortunate, needs no pecuniary assistance from the order.

The salary of the grand secretary of Pennsylvania is \$2,700 and that of his assistant \$1,200.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Preparations for the Biennial Convention.

Pitane Tips.

The biennial convention of the supreme lodge and the biennial encampment of the uniform rank, Knights of Pythias, will convene at Washington on Monday, Aug. 27. The popular features of the event will be the sessions of the supreme lodge, the street parade and review by President Cleveland of the uniform rank, the dress parade on the White lot, a competitive drill and a grand ball and reception. The encampment fund of \$50,000 is nearly all subscribed. It is estimated that 20,000 uniformed Knights will march in the parade. The camp will occupy 30 acres of the Mall and will form a square around the Washington monument.

The grand lodge of Tennessee donated \$3,000 to the Pythian university and \$1,000 to the Tennessee brigade, uniform rank.

The salary of the grand keeper of records and seals of Mississippi is \$1,000 per annum.

Alabama Knights have subscribed \$10,000 of a \$25,000 necessary to build the proposed home in that state.

Michigan has 10,558 Knights.

Arkansas has 55 sections and 1,104 members of the endowment rank.

A summary of the fiscal year's results in the endowment rank shows a total new membership of 5,236, over \$11,000,000 of insurance and 290 sections established and placed in working order.

RED MEN.

Great Chiefs Raised Up in Pennsylvania.

Short Talks.

About 350 representatives of the tribes of Pennsylvania were present at the great council held at Bethlehem. Great chiefs were elected as follows: Great sachem, Harrison Nushit; great senior sagamore, John E. Moore; great junior sagamore, Walter White; great prophet, David Conn; great chief records, Thomas K. Donnelly; great keeper wampum, George W. Kremer; representatives to great council of the United States, J. J. Neupher, James H. George, Charles H. Newell, Clement H. Smith. Philadelphia will be the next meeting place.

The reservation of Connecticut has 28 lodges and 2,975 members.

The great council of Georgia, under escort of Pechee tribe of Atlanta, attended a barbecue at Austell during its recent session.

There will be a free concert at Vinewood park Saturday afternoon. Positively no charges for admittance to park.

"There is a Salve for every wound." We refer to De Witt's White Hazel Salve, cures burns, bruises, cuts, indolent sores, as a local application in the nostrils it cures catarrh, and always cures piles. J. K. Jones.

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POULTRY NETTING.

A lady who had attained considerable wealth was calling on a new neighbor yesterday. She is much given to bragging and was going far beyond any previous effort. The neighbor seemed to be taking it all in seriously, but you can never tell much about a woman. Finally Mrs. Swell said: "Oh, Mrs. Cool, you have such a pretty little home! You ought to be very proud of your home. Why, I can remember when I didn't have much better than this myself." Mrs. Cool responded: "Yes, I think it was when you worked in my aunt's kitchen." The call was perceptibly shortened. — Indianapolis Sentinel.

Disadvantage.

The giraffe and the quagga met by chance.

"You look worried," observed the latter.

The giraffe sighed.

"Yes," she answered. "My baby has the membranous croup."

"Indeed! But I wouldn't distress myself."

"I can't help"—

Tears were springing to the eyes of the stately beast.

—it. A throat trouble is always such a long illness in our family."—Detroit Tribune.

Help.

His fingers drew plaintive chords from the keys.

"How can I leave thee?" he sang earnestly.

She darted a quick, searching glance into his upturned face.

"How can I leave thee?"

His heart was distraught with uncertainty.

"Papa!" she called.—Truth.

The Retort Courteous.

The duke was making the girl dead tired by his long and rapid talk on the advancement of women.

"Don't you ever wish you were a man?" he asked as a kind of clincher.

"No," she responded in the sweetest, most womanly way, "do you?"—Detroit Free Press.

Prospective Rewards.

Tommy's Mother—I'm going to whip you, and I'm going to whip you until you cry.

Tommy—All right, mamma. But would you mind lettin me have the pie before instead of after—Chicago Record.

Great Nerve.

"Remarkable coolness Tootsey's wife displayed when their house was burning."

"What did she do?"

"Carried out a 10 pound piece of ice all alone."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Very Cheap Tea.

Housekeeper—Are you sure that this tea isn't half coppers?

Dealer (convincingly)—We couldn't afford to sell coppers at the extremely low price we charge for this tea, ma'am.

—New York Weekly.

The Daily State Journal prints all the news